(a) whether the terrorism in Kashmir is having a major bearing on the economy and tourist arrival in the State;

(b) if so, the estimate of loss due to terrorist activities in the state; and

(c) steps being taken by Government to curb terrorism in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) and (b) It is a fact that terrorist violence in Jammu and Kashmir has had an adverse impact on development and economic activities. The tourism sector especially in the Valley and associated business and trade has been particularly hit, depriving a very large number of people like Hotel-owners, Shikara-Wallas, ponywallas, etc. of their livelihood, and a sizeable loss in the form of related revenues to the State exchequer.

(c) Sustained pressure is being maintained on the militants with a view to containing violence and disruption of normal activities. The steps taken in this direction include stepped up vigilance and patrolling on the Border/LOC to prevent infiltration of terrorists and weapons, etc., streamlining of the intelligence machinery to enable targetted operations, ensuring close coordination between various operational agencies, activisation, and increasing the involvement of the State Police in anti-terrorist operations; strengthening of security arrangements in vulnerable and far-flung areas; and securing people's cooperation in antiterrorist operations. Simultaneously measures have been taken to step up the pace of development and economic activities and reactivate the normal activities of the civil administration which have also helped to isolate the militants and bring the people into the mainstream of normal life and activity.

Payment of wages to PSUs employees on time

1742. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to State:

(a) whether the assurance given by Government that employees of Jessop and Company will be paid their wages and other dues regularly each month has been acted upon;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures Government proposes in order to ensure that employees of all public sector undertakings receive their contractual dues each month on a regular basis without any exception?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) Jessop & Company has been persistantly incurring losses. As a result, the company has not been able to pay salary wand wages to their employees for the month of June and July 1995 respectively. In order to pay wages and salary, this Department released Rs. 1.35 crores to Jessop during the current financial year. Since this amount fell short of the requirement of Jessop for clearing its liabilities towards payment of salary and wages upto-date. Other ways & means for paying the wages & salaries are being considered.

ग्रामीण और आदिवासी स्वच्छता कार्यक्रम

1743. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव:** क्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:—

(क) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान सरकार ने मध्य प्रदेश में ग्रामीण और आदिवासी स्वच्छता कार्यक्रम हेतु जिलावार क्या कार्य नीति निर्धारित की है;

(ख) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान उक्त कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत राज्य में प्रत्येक जिले को वर्ष-वार कितनी-कितनी धनराशि आवटित की गई;